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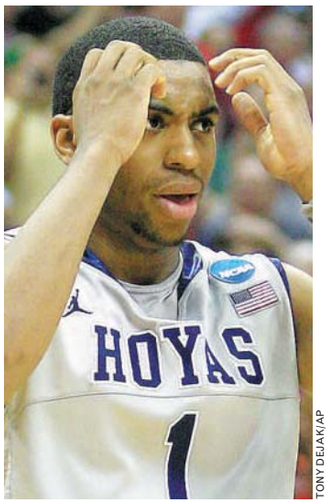

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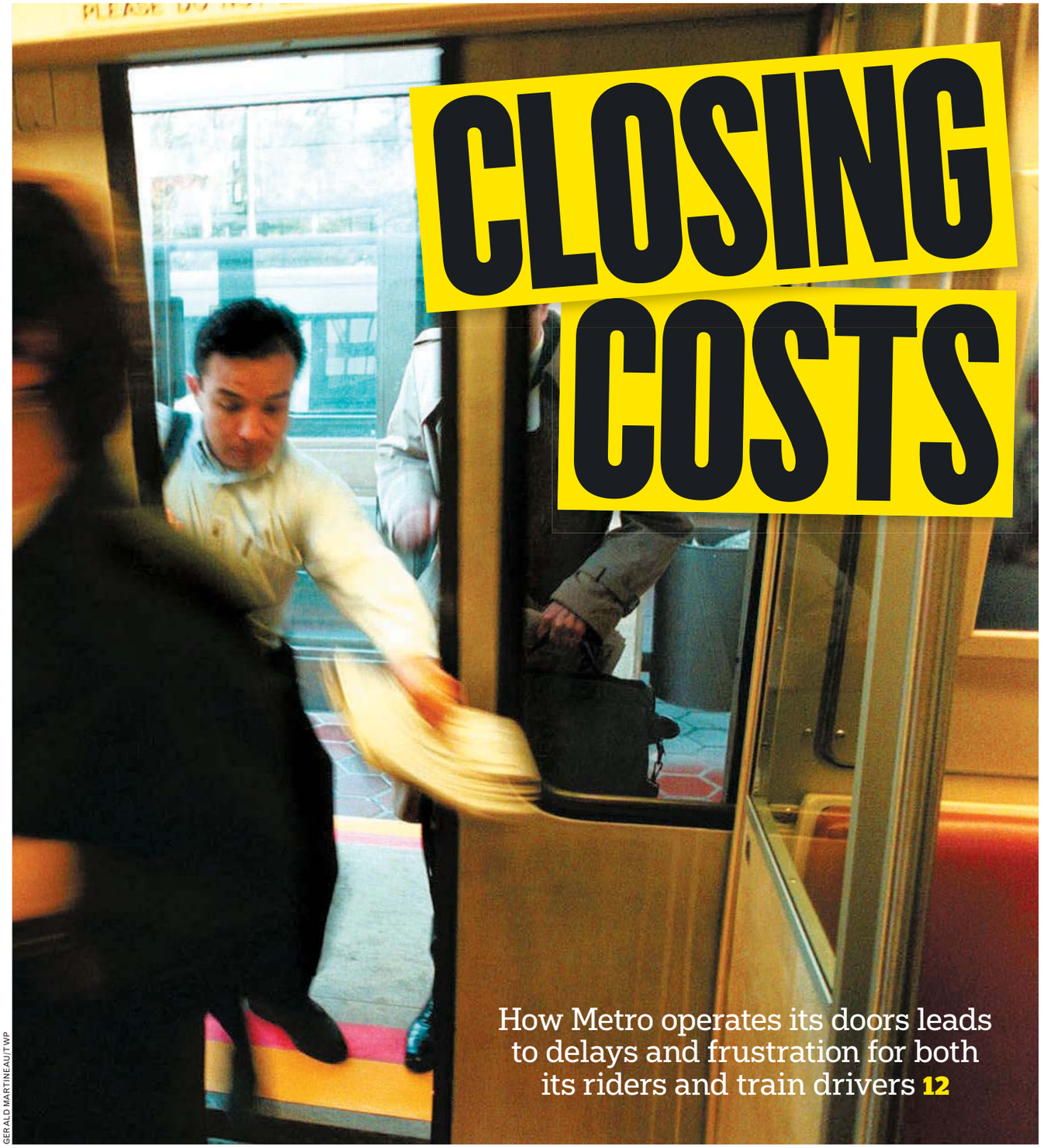

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FIRST REACTION

'Cool, a Body-Swap Comedy!'

A Manor Township, Pa., teen fraudster was thwarted last Tuesday by a convenience store clerk who noticed her own mother's name on the credit card. Authorities say Joshua Devonshire, 19, fled but was spotted later apparently trying to put the stolen card back in the clerk's mother's car. He was eventually taken into custody after being spotted sleeping in a car. (AP)

WARRING PARTIES

Pollen to Electricity: 'It's On'

A sneezing driver is to blame for a power outage in Winona, Minn. Police say Travers DeWitte inadvertently stepped on the gas when a sneeze erupted, sending his vehicle across an intersection, up a curb and into a wire attached to a power pole. The crash snapped the cable, which flew up and severed a power line, cutting service to about 1,300 customers Wednesday. (AP)

LAST RIDES

Where They're Going, They Don't Need Wheels

A German man says his prototype hearse for die-hard bikers — a special sidecar fitted to his motorcycle — made its first funeral run last month. The original's a Kawasaki but the 48-year-old from near Frankfurt says 10 of his patented Harley hearses, each costing about $78,000, will be ready later this year. He's counting on 1,000 bookings per year in Germany at $1,600 each, and already has a contract in Switzerland. (AP)

The Big Picture

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THE RED BARON TAKES IOWA: A small dog enjoys the scenery from the back of a Harley-Davidson on Saturday in Dubuque, Iowa. (AP)

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THIS WEEK

GOP Ill., La., Primaries

Sixty-nine delegates are up for grabs in the Illinois primary Tuesday. Then the GOP candidates move on to Louisiana to vie for the state's 46 delegates on Saturday.

Mets Owners In Court

Mets owners will testify Monday about their relationship with Bernard Madoff. A trustee recovering money for bilked investors sued the team owners for $1 billion, saying they profited from the fraud.

Sharpton Plans Rally

The Rev. Al Sharpton plans to hold a rally Thursday in Sanford, Fla., for 17-year-old Trayvon Martin, the black teenager fatally shot by a neighborhood watch volunteer in February.

Nation

Killings Elicit Conflicting Opinions

Many willing to cut Afghanistan shooting suspect some slack

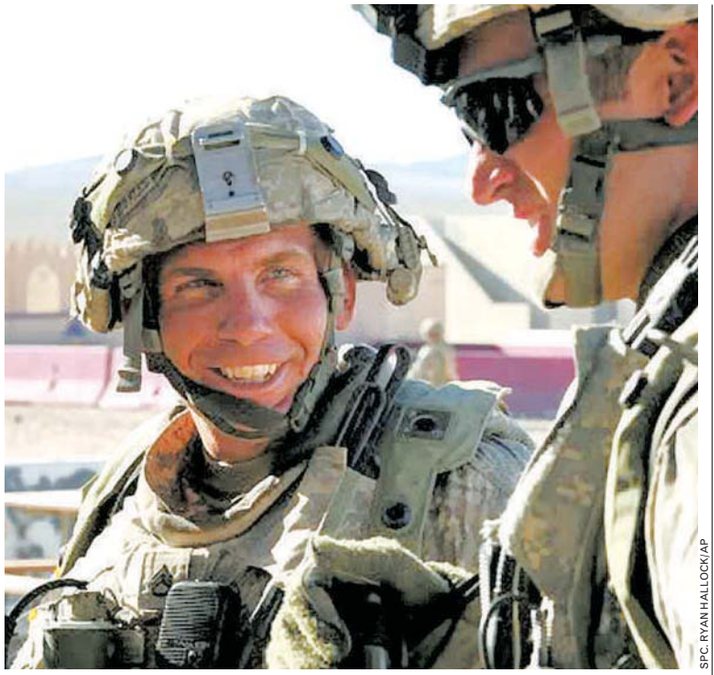
Washington

He is accused of the kind of crime that makes people shiver, the killing of families in their own homes under cover of night, the butchery of defenseless children. Under normal circumstances, Americans would dismiss such an act as worthy of only one response: swift and merciless punishment.

Not so in the case of Robert Bales — at least, not for some Americans. So far, many seem willing to believe that a 10-year U.S. military veteran, worn down by four tours of combat and perhaps suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, simply snapped.

Exactly what set off the Army sergeant accused of massacring 16 civilians in Afghanistan is far from clear. Organizations and individuals with differing agendas have portrayed Bales as the personification of something that is profoundly broken.

On the website of Iraq Veterans Against the War, organizer Aaron Hughes declared that Afghan war veterans "believe that this incident is not a case of one 'bad apple' but the effect of a continued U.S. military policy of drone strikes, night raids and helicopter attacks where Afghan civilians pay the price."



SPC. RYAN HALLOCK/AP

Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, left, takes part in an exercise in August at Fort Irwin, Calif. The 10-year military veteran is suspected of killing 16 civilians in Afghanistan on March 11.

Bundy Lawyer Hired for Case

Prominent Seattle lawyer John Henry Browne, 65, will represent Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, the suspect in the horrific nighttime slaughter of 16 Afghan villagers. Browne plans to meet Bales on Monday in Kansas. Browne has represented serial killer Ted Bundy and Colton Harris-Moore, known as the "Barefoot Bandit." Tall and stylish, Browne is known equally for his zeal in representing his clients and his flair before television cameras. (AP)

Backstory

Authorities say Robert Bales, a 38-year-old married father of two from Washington state, stalked through two villages in Afghanistan's Kandahar Province on March 11, gunned down civilians and attempted to burn some of the bodies. The dead included nine children. Charges against him are expected to be filed within a week. (AP)

Paul Wohlberg, who lives next door to the Baleses in Lake Tapps, Wash., said: "A good guy got put in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Fred Wellman, a retired Army lieutenant colonel from Fredericksburg, Va., does not deny that 10 years of war have severely strained the service. But while others might see Bales as a wounded soul, Wellman sees a man who sneaked off base to commit his alleged crimes, then had the presence of mind to "lawyer up" as soon as he was caught.

Benjamin Busch, a Marine veteran of two tours of Iraq, wrote last week on the website The Daily Beast that he and his comrades are afraid to admit that Bales "lost his mind in war," because that "allows for the possibility that any one of us could go insane at any time, and that every veteran poisoned by their combat experience could be on edge for life."

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Losing Out?

Research firm IHS iSuppli took apart the new iPad on Friday and said it's more expensive to make than the previous version was when it launched a year ago. Because the retail price of the tablet is the same, that means Apple is making less from each sale. (AP)

NYPD Sweep Ends Occupy Protest

New York

Dozens of police officers cleared the park where the Occupy movement was born six months ago and made several arrests after hundreds of protesters returned in an anniversary observance and defiantly resisted calls to clear out.

Some demonstrators locked arms and sat down in the middle of Zuccotti Park near Wall Street after police announced on a bullhorn at around 11:30 p.m. Saturday that the park was closed.

For hours, the demonstrators were celebrating the anniversary of the movement that has brought attention to economic inequality

New York police Det. Brian Sessa said the tipping point came when the protesters started breaking the park rules. "They set up tents. They had sleeping bags," he said. Electrical boxes also were tampered with and there was evidence of graffiti.

Police say 73 people were detained. It was unclear how many were still in custody Sunday. (AP)

CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

According to a recent poll, Rick Santorum is often mistaken for a Protestant.

Catholic Voters Cool to Santorum

Mormon Romney trounces candidate among demographic

San Juan, Puerto Rico

At El Sendero De La Cruz evangelical church, Rick Santorum sought prayers along with votes.

He told the San Juan congregation that he can withstand the demands of campaigning because of the many people like them he meets while running for president. "The first thing they almost always say to me, 'I'm praying for you,'" Santorum said. "It works."

It's the kind of spirit-infused language that is helping Santorum connect with evangelical Republicans, who have fueled his strong showing in state after state. Yet, in one of the more puzzling developments among many in the GOP contest, he's nowhere near as successful with his fellow Roman Catholics.

Santorum is often mistaken for a Protestant conservative, by both evangelicals and Catholics, according to a recent poll by the Pew Research Center. Across all states where Republican primary voters were asked their religion in exit polls, Mitt Romney, a Mormon, trounced Santorum among Catholics, with an average margin of victory above 20 percentage points.

In the 2004 race, Democrat John Kerry was the first Catholic presidential candidate from a major party since John F. Kennedy in 1960. Still, Kerry lost Catholics in the general election to President George W. Bush, a Protestant.

"Just being Catholic by no means buys you anything in the Catholic vote anymore," said Mark Gray, a researcher at Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate who specializes in American Catholics.

KASIE HUNT AND RACHEL ZOLL (AP)

Primary Results

Mitt Romney won the primary Sunday in Puerto Rico, the Republican representative on the Puerto Rican State Electoral Commission said.

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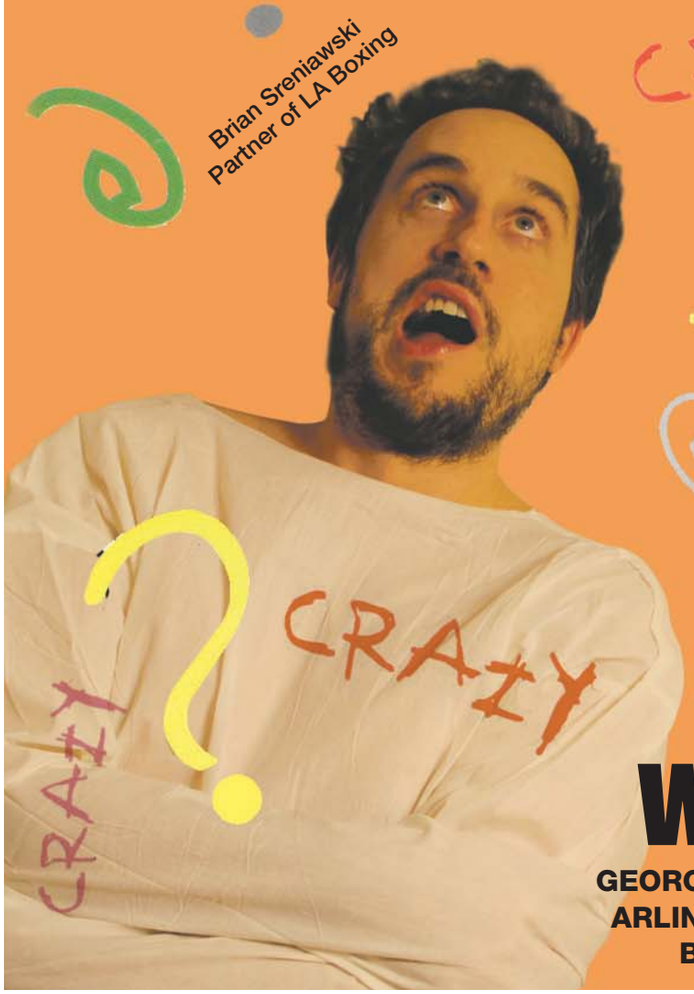

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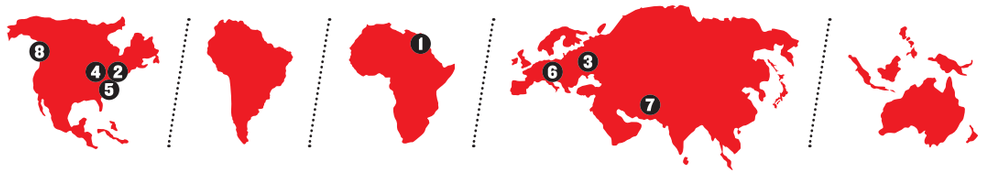

1 CAIRO

Copts Mourn Leader

Tens of thousands of Coptic Christians lined up outside a cathedral in the Egyptian capital on Sunday to pay their final respects to the spiritual leader of their ancient church, whose body was inside on an ornate throne. Pope Shenouda died Saturday at 88. (AP)

2 NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.

Ex-Roommate Convicted In Suicide at Rutgers

Ex-Rutgers University student Dharun Ravi, 20, was found guilty Friday of all 15 charges against him, including anti-gay intimidation, in the webcam spying that ended in his gay roommate's suicide. Ravi will be sentenced May 21 and could get up to 10 years in prison for Tyler Clementi's death. (AP)

3 MOSCOW

Police Arrest Protesters At Anti-Putin Rally

Russian police detained about two dozen anti-government protesters Saturday as hundreds rallied in downtown Moscow to denounce Vladimir Putin's return to the presidency and a television show that accused opposition leaders of treason. (AP)

LOIS BERNSTEIN/AP

4 Chicago Goes Green

Revelers take in the green-tinted Chicago River, a long-celebrated St. Patrick's Day tradition in Chicago, on Saturday. Thousands gathered to witness the annual festivities, including Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny — the city's guest of honor this year.

5 "It's such a silly thought to think you're actually succeeding in any of this. But if it's loud enough ... at the very least, people will know about it."

— **GEORGE CLOONEY,** SPEAKING FRIDAY BEFORE HIS ARREST OUTSIDE THE SUDANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, WHERE HE WAS PROTESTING OVER THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN THE AFRICAN COUNTRY.

6 BERLIN

Man Convicted of Role In Nazi Camps Dies at 91

John Demjanjuk was convicted of being a guard at the Sobibor death camp, but his 35-year fight to clear his name made him one of the best-known faces of Nazi prosecutions. A Munich court in May convicted the ex-Ohio autoworker, who died Saturday at 91, on 28,060 counts of being an accessory to murder. (AP)

7 KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Report: Detainees Sent To Scrutinized Prisons

A report released Saturday by two rights groups said the U.S. sent detainees to Afghan prisons where torture occurred, despite a moratorium on such moves. The report details 11 "credible cases" in which detainees said they were sent to a facility where U.N. investigators had found evidence of torture. (AP)

8 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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The amount, in inches, of snow needed in Anchorage, Alaska, as of Saturday to break a nearly 60-year record of 132.6 inches in the winter. The city dumps are close to overflowing with snow that may not fully melt before next winter. (AP)

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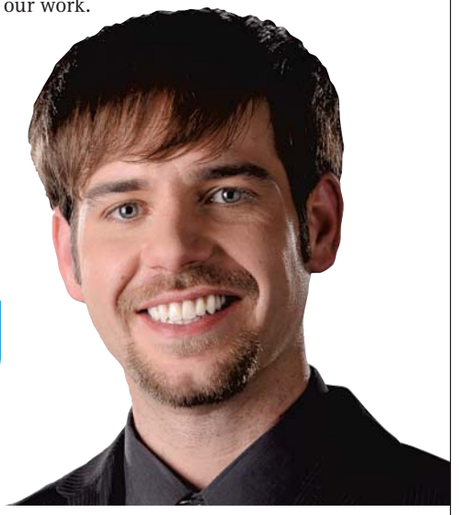

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World

In Brief

TRIPOLI, LIBYA

Militias' Power Must Be Curbed, Interim PM Says

Abdul-Jalil

Militias should not control government buildings or institutions, Mustafa Abdul-Jalil, prime minister of Libya's interim government, said Sunday, speaking on a day when clashes between a militia and Tripoli residents killed at least one person. With the collapse of the country's central authority, militias and tribes have been increasingly acting on their own. (AP)

SANAA, YEMEN

Government: Death Toll In Revolt Surpasses 2K

More than 2,000 people have been killed in a year of political turmoil that led to the resignation of Yemen's longtime president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, the government said Sunday. The government's first released casualty figures were much higher than human rights groups had estimated. (AP)

Syrian Rebels Unfazed by Defeats

Despite setbacks, opposition looks to boost its firepower

Gorentas, Turkey

Syrian rebels are regrouping despite bitter defeats at the hands of President Bashar Assad's regime, and a top priority is finding weapons and ammunition to boost their firepower, a man who identified himself as a low-ranking rebel commander told The Associated Press.

Ahmad Mihbzt, who said he was a sergeant who defected from the Syrian army, spoke in Gorentas, a Turkish village just miles from the Syrian border. Mihbzt is one of hundreds, possibly thousands, of rebels who have fled to Turkey, where many hope to turn the tide of the fight back in their favor.

"We are regrouping," Mihbzt, 25, said Sunday. "We are working on finding weapons."

In recent weeks, as the uprising against Assad wrapped up its first year, Syrian forces retook some key rebel-held areas in the country.

SANA/AP

Meanwhile ...

Three suicide bombings in the Syrian capital of Damascus killed 27 people on Saturday, a day before a Syrian government security building was attacked in the northern city of Aleppo. Saturday's targets included a government building, above. Meanwhile, a harsh security crackdown on Sunday prevented opposition rallies marking one year since the first nationwide protests of the uprising against President Bashar Assad. Aleppo and Damascus, Syria's two largest cities and critical centers of support for Assad, have been struck by a number of suicide bombings since December, and no one has claimed responsibility for any of the weekend attacks. **(AP)**

15K

The number of Syrian refugees in border camps in Turkey, and rebel leaders say that thousands of those are also members of the Free Syrian Army. (AP)

A major challenge facing the rebels is a dearth of cash with which to buy weapons. Saudi Arabia and Qatar have discussed military aid, but the U.S. and others have not advocated arming the rebels, in part out of fear it would create a more prolonged battle.

As part of their strategy, rebel fighters are targeting Syrian soldiers on patrol or sentries guarding facilities to seize their weapons. The rebels also hope to capture arms depots belonging to the Syrian army, he said.

Mihbzt insisted rebels would not give up their quest to overthrow the Assad regime.

"We don't accept the defeat," Mihbzt said. "We will fight until our last drop of blood."

SELCAN HACAOGLU (AP)

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N. Korea Sticks by Plans to Launch Rocket

Pyonyang dismisses criticism, U.S. threat to cut off dipolomacy

Pyonyang, North Korea

North Korea vowed Sunday to go ahead with plans to launch a long-range rocket next month, rejecting criticism in the West that it would scuttle recent diplomacy.

The announcement came about two weeks after the North agreed to suspend long-range missile tests and make nuclear concessions in exchange for much-needed food aid from the United States. The agreement was seen as a promising step toward improved relations between the two wartime enemies.

The U.S., Japan, Britain and others have urged North Korea to cancel the launch, calling it a threat to diplomatic efforts and warning that it would violate a U.N. ban on nuclear and missile activity.

China, North Korea's main ally, also expressed rare concern Saturday.

Backstory

North Korea said on Friday that it would fire an observation satellite into space on a new rocket as part of celebrations next month of the 100th anniversary of late president Kim Il Sung's birth. North Korea quit nuclear disarmament talks after one such launch in 2009 was condemned by the U.N. Security Council. Pyongyan then tested an atomic device, which resulted in tightened U.N. sanctions. (AP)

On Sunday, the North's official news agency dismissed the criticism.

"It is a sinister and deliberate anti-peace action" by hostile forces, the Korean Central News Agency said in an editorial. It said North Korea remained determined to carry out its plans.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged North Korea to reconsider the launch, and U.S. officials have warned they would not provide 240,000 metric tons of promised food aid if it goes ahead. (AP)

43.7 **The amount of people** in Japan who say the country should eventually do away with atomic energy, beginning with reduce its dependence on nuclear power, according to a poll released Sunday by the Tokyo Shimbun newspaper. Another 35.9 percent agreed with that position more than they disagreed with it. (AP)

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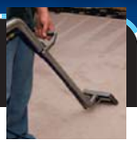
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Capital Bikeshare Opens on Mall

Service installs more stations in time for tourist season in D.C.

Washington

The omnipresent red Capital Bikeshare bikes have finally found a home on the National Mall.

Two homes, to be precise. A pair of Bikeshare stations were installed on the National Mall this past Friday, just in time for the crowds drawn in by the cherry blossoms.

Five stations have been approved for the Mall by the National Capital Planning Commission.

COURTESY CAPITAL BIKESHARE

Two new Capital Bikeshare stations were opened on the National Mall on Friday.

Where Are They?

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- Ohio and West Basin drives SW (near the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial)
- Jefferson Drive between 14th and 15th streets SW (south of the Washington Monument)

The next three stations will be near the Smithsonian Metro stop, the Jefferson Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial.

Four of the five stations will have 23 bikes, while the station near the Lincoln Memorial will have 25 bikes. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Group to Host Distracted Driving Forum

Transportation

Transportation officials and safety advocates agree: Distracted driving is a major problem. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration says that 5,474 people were killed and an estimated 448,000 injured in 2009 in accidents that involved distracted driving.

The group is hosting a forum in Washington later this month to discuss the topic and potential solutions. "Attentive Driving: Countermeasures for Distraction" is set for March 27 at 429 L'Enfant Plaza SW. (TWP)

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Local

In Brief

CHARLOTTESVILLE, MD.

Ex-UVa. Lacrosse Player May Ask for Retrial

Huguely

Lawyers for a former University of Virginia lacrosse player convicted in the beating death of his ex-girlfriend Yeardley Love have asked a judge for a hearing on a motion to have the case retried. George Huguely and his lawyers appeared in Charlottesville Circuit Court on Friday on a separate motion filed on behalf of several media outlets seeking to have the trial's evidence made public. (AP)

OCEAN CITY, MD.

Bay Bridge Sees Traffic Spike Despite Toll Hike

Higher tolls on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge haven't led to fewer cars and trucks crossing the busy span to the Eastern Shore. Traffic has increased about 3 percent since the cash toll increased, officials say. On Nov. 1, tolls went up from $2.50 per car to $4. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Man Stabbed to Death

Police say a man was stabbed to death in a bar in the Brookland neighborhood of Northeast early Sunday. D.C. police say the stabbing happened about 2:30 a.m. at a club called The Library in the 3500 block of 12th Street, NE. The victim was taken to a hospital, where he died. (AP)

The Lotteries

Sunday, March 18

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The House's Barber of the Hill

Quattrone has spent 42 years cutting hair for both sides of aisle

Washington

As Rep. Frank D. Lucas leaned back in the barber's burgundy chair one recent afternoon, he mentioned that he and the man wielding the shears above his head have a bit in common.

"If you don't like people, you're not going to be a barber," drawled the Oklahoma Republican as he got a trim. "Or you're not going to be a member of Congress."

As a House of Representatives barber, Giuseppe "Joe" Quattrone has spent 42 years expertly maneuvering his scissors around the ears and bald patches of Republicans and Democrats with equal finesse.

Quattrone, 78, has cut the hair of most of the House speakers since Watergate. But he doesn't trade gossip and he never talks politics.

Although Quattrone doesn't weigh in on political debates, he hears about them in between the staccato snips of his scissors. With congressional approval ratings at an all-time low, he defends his lawmaker friends and advises constituents to come talk to their representatives.

MELINA MARA/TWP

Barber Joe Quattrone cuts lobbyist Jeff Myers' hair at the House Barber Shop.

"I'll tell you, they work really hard. They have a tough job," he said. "They earn their money, believe me."

Quattrone got his job as a House barber by contacting his congressman. By the 1980s, he was managing the basement shop in the Rayburn House Office Building.

When Quattrone began cutting hair on the Hill, there were five barbershops on the House side.

After Sept. 11, 2001, he saw business drop off, mainly because of increased security. "People can't come in and out like they used to," he said.

"I think it's one of the best jobs a barber can have," Quattrone said. "I got the most famous people, the most important people. And I'm a part of it." STEFANIE DAZIO (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Bald Eagles in High Demand

JOANNA B PINNEO/FTWP

DENNIS WIIST, A WILDLIFE REPOSITORY SPECIALIST at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Eagle Repository in Commerce City, Colo., evaluates a dead bald eagle that was shipped from the D.C. area. The repository receives all eagles that have died and prepares them to go to Native Americans for religious ceremonies. There are more than 6,000 licensed members of federally enrolled tribes on the waiting list; some have lingered almost five years. | **postlocal.com**

March Planned To Aid Victims Of Hate Crimes

Washington

A march is being planned to support victims of recent hate crimes in Washington's Columbia Heights neighborhood.

Organizers say the march will begin Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the IHOP restaurant at 14th and Irving streets. Last Sunday, a gay man was shot at the restaurant and was left critically wounded. Police classified that shooting as a hate crime.

The march also supports the victim of a severe beating and robbery of a gay man March 12 at Georgia Avenue and Irving Street. It was classified as an anti-gay hate crime. A day later, a transgender woman was assaulted and knocked unconscious in northeast Washington.

The march will conclude at a benefit to raise money to cover hospital bills for a victim. (AP)

9,400

The number of tickets issued by Alexandria police in the past seven months for offenses captured by red light cameras, officials say. At $50 a ticket, that's $234,000 in fines. Police say the cameras are meant to enhance safety and that the number of tickets being generated by the automatic cameras is disturbing. (AP)

Cover Story

DOMINIC BRACCO II/TWP

Problem Parts

Metro's door problems can be caused by a variety of factors, officials said. Sensors may misfire when a train is packed, something can jam the doors or motors may malfunction. The most problematic doors are on the 2000 and 3000 series rail cars due to an electrical switch, Metro officials said. Metro is installing new parts in those cars — and on the 6000 series as a preventive measure — by this summer. Planned fleet improvements over the next two years include software upgrades and spindle replacements, and the 1000 series rail cars will be replaced. The 7000 series, scheduled for delivery next year, will have more advanced technology that Dave Kubicek, deputy general manager of operations, hopes will mean better reliability. (TWP)

Doors (Mostly) Closing

For Metro riders and rail operators, train doors are just another headache

Washington

The doors on Metro's rail cars are one of the most frustrating problems for riders and train operators alike.

Passengers complain that they are too quick to close. Someone jams an arm, a foot, a briefcase or a stroller into the space and it gets stuck as the doors snap shut. Worst of all, a door malfunctions, and, unable to fix the problem, the operator offloads the train.

The delays add up. Door problems were the leading cause of Metro weekday delays last year, followed by brake and power issues. But 18 percent of the time — a total of 455 hours — doors were the reason, according to Metro data.

It leaves riders all too unhappy, especially when the problems are compounded by track work and delays due to broken-down trains or cracked rails.

Marc Shandler, who was aboard a Red Line train that was offloaded recently because of door problems, was sympathetic. Metro seems to be "doing their best to keep things running. Or at least with duct tape and spit," he said.

But Chris Jewell, systems development director at Georgetown Law, blames the train operators, saying they "sow chaos and incivility."

"You don't know if the chime means it is going to close in one second or 10 seconds," he said. "It creates a sense of you have to rush on the train."

One source of confusion, especially for tourists, is that Metro's doors don't bounce back when they hit something. The doors are open between 25 to 35 seconds, officials said. Any longer and it would delay trains, which could ripple along the lines, Metro said.

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The average number of Metro train offloads per month due to door problems, according to Metro officials. (TWP)

Operators push a button to open the doors after they stop at a platform. They are then required to look down the platform to make sure people move out of the way before they close the doors. That's where judgment comes into play.

"If I see someone busting their tail to get down the stairs and across the platform, I'll wait for you," said Danielle Glass, 33, who is a train operator and has been with Metro for almost seven years.

The operators aren't fans of the doors either. For them, doors are like dogs to mail carriers.

"It comes with the territory," said Wilbert Ferguson, 59, a train operator since 1986. "You try not to close anybody up. You try to gauge it the best you can so that everyone is clear."

Few riders understand that the train's mechanical system won't allow it to move unless all the doors are properly closed, some operators said. For them, the busiest stations are also some of the most problematic places, where riders try to hold or race for the doors.

Other transit agencies have door problems as well.

At San Francisco's Bay Area Rapid Transit system, managers said they have about two delays per week related to doors. They note that their number doesn't include problems caused by riders.

"Stuff just wears out," said Henry Kolesar, group manager for engineering at BART. "Doors are a headache." DANA HEDGPETH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"IT'S ONE THING TO HAVE TO WALK UP BROKEN ESCALATORS OR SIT IN A STUFFY TRAIN, BUT WHEN THEIR NEGLIGENCE BECOMES A SAFETY ISSUE, THAT IS WHEN THEY HAVE GONE TOO FAR."

— **BETSY CONWAY,** WHO REGULARLY RIDES THE RED LINE.

Sports

JAY LAPRETE/AP

Georgetown's Henry Sims collides with N.C. State's C.J. Leslie in Sunday's game in Columbus, Ohio. N.S. State won, 66-63.

Down and Out

Georgetown falls to N.C. State in yet another early exit in the Big Dance

Hoyas Hoops

Georgetown's surprisingly successful season ended surprisingly early. Hollis Thompson scored 23 points but the Hoyas' rally fizzled in a 66-63 loss to 11th-seeded North Carolina State in the third round of the NCAA tournament on Sunday.

66 | 63

"We weren't picked to do anything" this season, Jason Clark said after his final game in a Hoyas uniform. "Everybody doubted us. But as a group we believed in each other, and we proved a lot of people wrong."

Picked to finish 10th in the Big East, the Hoyas (24-9) put together another solid year. But it still ended with another surprising loss.

It was quite the wild finish, too. The Hoyas, riding the shooting of Thompson, closed to 63-61 before freshman Otto Porter missed a 15-foot jumper under pressure with 14 seconds left.

Lorenzo Brown, a 74-percent shooter at the line, made two foul shots with 10.6 seconds left for a 65-61 Wolfpack lead.

Clark, who finished with 10 points, then went the length of the court for a layup before Brown was fouled again with 4.6 seconds left. He hit the first but missed the second, and the Hoyas raced down court for a potential tying 3.

They got a great look, with Clark stopping and getting off a rushed shot. "I felt like it had a chance," Clark said. "But it didn't."

The Hoyas also had to deal with foul trouble on perhaps their most valuable player on offense, center Henry Sims. The team's assists leader was limited to just 22 minutes after picking up two quick fouls.

The close game was a fitting end to a strange year that began with the team attacked by the crowd and opposing players in an exhibition game in China.

"This team, in spite of whatever downs we've had and losses like today, has been a really special group," Georgetown coach John Thompson III said. "We haven't always had success, but it's a group that all year fought for each other and cared for each other. I'm proud to be associated with these guys."

RUSTY MILLER (AP)

Backstory

A Bitter End

Sunday's loss was another bitter disappointment for Georgetown, who like North Carolina State (24-12) is a traditional power trying to live up to a glowing legacy. The Hoyas were knocked out in their first game in each of the previous two NCAA tournaments, and the players said they had finally shed the stigma of those defeats with a 74-59 victory over Belmont on Friday. (AP)

Meanwhile ...

Draymond Green scored 16 points with 13 rebounds and set up Keith Appling's late 3-pointer, giving top-seeded Michigan State a 65-61 win over Saint Louis on Sunday and sending the Spartans to the round of 16 in the West Regional of the NCAA tournament. Michigan State will play No. 4 seed Louisville on Thursday in Phoenix. (AP)

In Brief

AP

Bryce Harper sits in the dugout during the Nats' game versus Detroit Sunday.

THE NATIONALS

Harper Sent to Triple-A

The Nationals optioned 19-year-old phenom Bryce Harper to Class AAA Syracuse, ending his longshot pursuit to make the opening day roster. Harper will play mostly center field at Syracuse, with some right mixed in, and the Nationals see him as a center fielder when he reaches the majors this season. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

AUTO RACING

Keselowski Tops Kenseth

Brad Keselowski grabbed his first win of the season Sunday, holding off Matt Kenseth on a late restart to win at Bristol Motor Speedway. Keselowski led a career-best and race-high 231 laps, but battled with Kenseth for the final third of the race. Kenseth beat him on an earlier restart, and Keselowski had to chase him down to reclaim the lead. (AP)

PRO HOCKEY

Flyers Clip Penguins

Scott Hartnell scored his second goal of the game with less than 1 second left in overtime to lift the Philadelphia Flyers to a 3-2 victory over the Penguins on Sunday, snapping Pittsburgh's 11-game winning streak. (AP)

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

No. 1 Baylor Rolls On

Brittney Griner was imposing as usual, and top-seeded Baylor showed the kind of offensive balance the Lady Bears don't always get credit for. Griner scored 14 points in only 22 minutes, and Baylor rolled to an 81-40 win over 16th-seeded UC Santa Barbara in the Des Moines Regional on Sunday. (AP)

Sound Familiar? Free agent quarterback Matt Flynn on Sunday agreed to terms with the Seattle Seahawks on a multiyear deal. The Seahawks are hoping that a one-time backup in Green Bay can again become their new franchise quarterback. Seattle went down this road before when it traded with Green Bay to acquire Matt Hasselbeck before the 2001 season. Hasselbeck eventually led the Seahawks to their only Super Bowl appearance. (AP)

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Sports

Hoyas Hold Off Bulldogs' Rally

Georgetown goes cold in 2nd half, but advances in tourney

Hoyas Women's Hoops

Even as Georgetown built a big lead, coach Terri Williams-Flournoy was never comfortable, and Fresno State proved her right by storming back. But when things got their tightest, the defense-minded Hoyas came up with enough timely takeaways to advance once again in the NCAA Tournament.

Georgetown held on to beat the Bulldogs 61-56 on Sunday in the first round of the Des Moines Regional behind 17 points from Tia Magee. The Hoyas will face fourth-seeded Georgia Tech on Tuesday.

Adria Crawford and Sugar Rodgers added 11 points each for the fifth-seeded Hoyas (23-8), who never trailed but blew most of a 17-point lead.

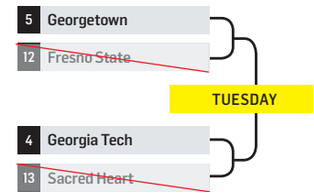
They made just four field goals during the final 15½ minutes — none in the final six minutes — but forced 19 turnovers and held the Bulldogs to 7-of-29 shooting from 3-point range to improve to 4-0 in NCAA tournament openers.

"We either want to force teams to turn the ball over, or we want to force teams to play quicker than they probably really want to play," Williams-Flournoy said. "We knew Fresno State was going to shoot the 3. That's not any secret. The fact that they took only 29 was actually good, because I told my team they would take 40." (AP)

JIM R. BOUNDS/AP

Tia Magee scored 17 points in the Hoyas' victory over Fresno State on Sunday.

Bracket Close-Up



Weekend Rewind

- **Brandon Lloyd signed a three-year, $12 million contract with the Patriots.**
- **Rex Grossman signed a one-year deal to remain with the Redskins.**
- **Alex Smith visited the Dolphins while the 49ers pursued Peyton Manning.**
- **Boston College won the Hockey East tournament for a third-straight year.**
- **Indiana came from behind to defeat last year's Final Four darling, VCU, 63-61.**
- **No. 15 seeds Lehigh and Norfolk State upset Duke and Missouri, respectively.**

Sports

UMd. Has Revenge On Its Mind vs. Louisville

7:10 P.M.
Monday | ESPN2

Terps Women's Hoops

Maryland's incentive to beat Louisville extends beyond earning a berth in the round of 16 in the NCAA Women's Tournament. The motivational checklist for the second-seeded Terrapins on Monday night also includes revenge and redemption.

Seventh-seed Louisville is coached by Jeff Walz, who served as an assistant under Brenda Frese at Maryland for five years before joining the Cardinals in 2007. In the first meeting between mentor and protégé, Louisville defeated the Terrapins in the 2009 tournament to advance to the Final Four.

Now Frese and Maryland's upperclassmen have an opportunity to even the score. "Obviously our seniors remember it," Frese said Sunday, adding that "our ending last year" will also push Maryland to play its best game.

The "ending last year" was a humbling 79-57 second-round loss to Georgetown on Maryland's home floor.

"Last year we didn't protect our house," Maryland star forward Alyssa Thomas said. "We got blown off the court in front of our own fans. So I know this year there's a different focus. We just want to go out there and show people we're a different team this year." (AP)

Backstory

Maryland (29-4) enters Monday night's game in College Park as Atlantic Coast Conference champs and riding an eight-game winning streak, including a 59-44 first-round win over Navy. Louisville (23-8) beat Michigan State 67-55 Saturday to improve to 10-3 under Jeff Walz in the NCAA Tournament—a record that includes a victory in 2009 over Brenda Frese and the Terrapins. (AP)

TV Lineup

CAPITALS (7:30 P.M., CSN) The Caps visit the Detroit Red Wings.
NCAA WOMEN'S HOOPS (7 P.M., 9:30 P.M., ESPN2) Maryland plays Louisville in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.
PRO BASKETBALL (8 P.M., 10 P.M., TNT) The Chicago Bulls visit the Orlando Magic and the Denver Nuggets take on the Dallas Mavericks.
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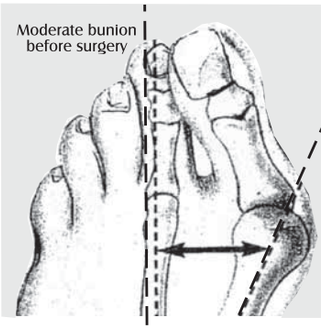

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Believe the Hype?

As studios build buzz for blockbusters earlier, they run a greater risk of disappointing audiences

Film

When Warner Bros. released the first photograph of the new Superman, the studio clearly wanted to spark some advance fanboy and fangirl chatter. Super-advance.

The picture of actor Henry Cavill, muscles rippling beneath his heroic pseudo-leotard, was unveiled online last August. But the movie in which he'll wear that familiar ensemble, "Man of Steel," won't arrive in theaters until June 2013.

This approach to movie marketing, one in which the buzz machine cranks up early and feeds the blogosphere often, is now commonplace. "The Dark Knight Rises," "The Amazing Spider-Man," the multiple installments in the "Twilight" saga and the soon-to-be-released "Hunger Games," the adaptation of Suzanne Collins's young-adult novel about a government-sanctioned teen death match, are among the many films engaging in varying degrees of something we'll call movie publicity foreplay.

For several months, sometimes a year-plus, the studios behind these projects titillate fans with provocative sneak peeks — casting announcements, photos, trailers, alternate reality games — until it's finally time to deliver the full monty: the movie itself.

"There is so much competing for audience's attention that I think to go out there early and engage fans and make a project feel like an event is certainly an important thing to do," says Heather Phillips, the chief marketing officer at Aspect Ratio, a movie marketing firm in Los Angeles. "But you don't want to take away the mystery around it. You don't want to give away too much."

The notion of engaging in a bit of premature audience seduction, particularly online, is hardly new. (see 1999's "The Blair Witch Project") But as the power of social media swells, the intensity of these marketing efforts — as well as the need to activate them increasingly early — is changing the game, allowing a movie's publicity campaign to often kick into gear well before production has even started.

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There's potential for all this incessant movie marketing to backfire if it's not executed correctly, though.

"You can campaign however you want and you can be clever," says Joshua Jason, head of an L.A. PR firm that publicizes films and orchestrates Oscar campaigns. "But you have to have a product that stands up." JEN CHANEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Clockwise: "The Amazing Spider-Man," "Man of Steel," "Twilight: Breaking Dawn, Part I" and "The Hunger Games" are favorites of Hollywood's hype machine.

Nothing Left to the Imagination

There's the risk of overdoing the marketing of a much-hyped film to the point where potential audience members are already sick of the movie before it even opens. Kimmy West, who runs the Web sites Hisgoldeneyes.com, which focuses on "Twilight," and Mockingjay.net, an online "Hunger Games" hub, had that experience during "New Moon," the second film in the "Twilight" series. "They had released so much that when I saw the movie, I thought, I've seen this already," she says. (TWP)

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Bird of a Feather

An indie folk singer sticks to his set script on 'Break It Yourself'

Album Review

Break It Yourself
Andrew Bird

Over a 15-year recording career, Andrew Bird has accrued a dedicated fan base fashioned from a flair for palatable eclecticism and a carefully cultivated image that frequently appears to have tumbled off the screen of a Wes Anderson movie. Bird is, inarguably, a talented multi-instrumentalist with a gift for combining elements of folk, jazz and world music into an individual and coherent whole. He also can demonstrate a weakness for grating whimsy and gimmickry, best exemplified by his trademark whistling, a parlor trick that often ornaments his songs but almost never contributes to their success.

"Break It Yourself" is a hit-and-miss affair, but one that at least tends to subjugate Bird's sillier ideas behind a collection of tuneful contemplations on love and longing. "Danse Carribe," with its jazzy time signatures, loping pace and pastoral imagery, recalls Van Morrison in full-on "Astral Weeks" mode, gradually spinning an elliptical narrative over a bed of acoustic guitar and light orchestration. "Fatal Shore" sounds similar but not as compelling: a rote endeavor into indie melancholy featuring funereal drums, female harmonies and, inevitably, a whistling solo.

Bird often fares best when exiting his comfort zone. "Eyeoneye" stomps pleasingly through its inscrutable lyrics on the strength of an ersatz Beach Boys melody. The album's final track, "Belles," is three minutes of feedback-laden atmosphere resembling John Cale's most attractive experimentation. Coming at the end of an hour's worth of frequently too-baroque arrangements, "Belles" is a lovely exercise in restraint. It's also a fittingly enigmatic finale for an album on which Bird continues to vacillate between adventurous artist and NPR comfort food.

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TIMOTHY BRACY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

- ***9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; May 8, 7 p.m., sold out; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U Street)***
- ***Rams Head Live, 20 Market Place, Baltimore; May 9, 8 p.m., $37.50; 410-244-1131, Ramsheadlive.com.***

Mixed Media

Without Borders

Ten years in the making, the new album "Zemelewa" is a collaboration between two musicians from Ivory Coast (singer Yeoue Narcisse and guitarist/harmonica player Tiende Laurent) and two from the United States (drummer Alex Owre and guitarist/D.C.-area resident Michael Shereikis). The dozen tracks are rooted in Afrobeat, the blend of funk, jazz, Highlife and Yoruba music that was popularized by Fela Kuti in the 1970s. Elements of blues, rock, Latin and Cajun music are evident, too.

The result, released under the band name Zieti, sounds ageless and without stylistic borders. "Djemin," for example, features Tex-Mex accordion, Juju guitar-work and chanted Afrobeat choruses. The title track calls to mind Congolese rumba and New Orleans R&B.

And however unfamiliar the words (sung in a Guere dialect) may be to English-speaking listeners, the urgency in Narcisse's raspy tenor speaks volumes. BILL FRISKICS-WARREN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Today's Top Stops

ALAIN JOCARD/GETTY IMAGES

1 Birth of a Genre

Toots and the Maytals don't just play reggae — they practically gave the genre its name. Originally a ska group from Jamaica, Toots and the Maytals' 1968 track "Do the Reggay" was one of the first songs to use the word — now spelled reggae — and led to the creation of a whole new genre. Fronted by the eternally youthful Toots Hibbert, 66, left, the group continues to bring Jamaica's trademark sound to audiences across the world. ***9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Mon., 7 p.m., $26; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U Street)***

2 Bad Connection

Recent horror movies about murderous cell phones, haunted cameras and cursed VHS tapes can't match the suspenseful mastery of 1948's "Sorry, Wrong Number." A bedridden heiress overhears a conversation on her landline and becomes convinced her husband (Burt Lancaster) is involved in a murder plot. ***National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Mon., 6:30 p.m., free; 202-628-6161; Nationaltheatre.org (Metro Center)***

3 The Modernist Man

Writer Jonathan Safran Foer is all about reinventing old content in new forms. The "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" author's reinvention hits new marks in "New American Hagaddah," a collaboration with Nathan Englander that updates the Jewish seder story for modern times. ***Sixth and I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW; Mon., 7 p.m., $12 or get two free tickets with purchase of the book ($30); 202-408-3100, Sixthandi.org. (Gallery Place)***

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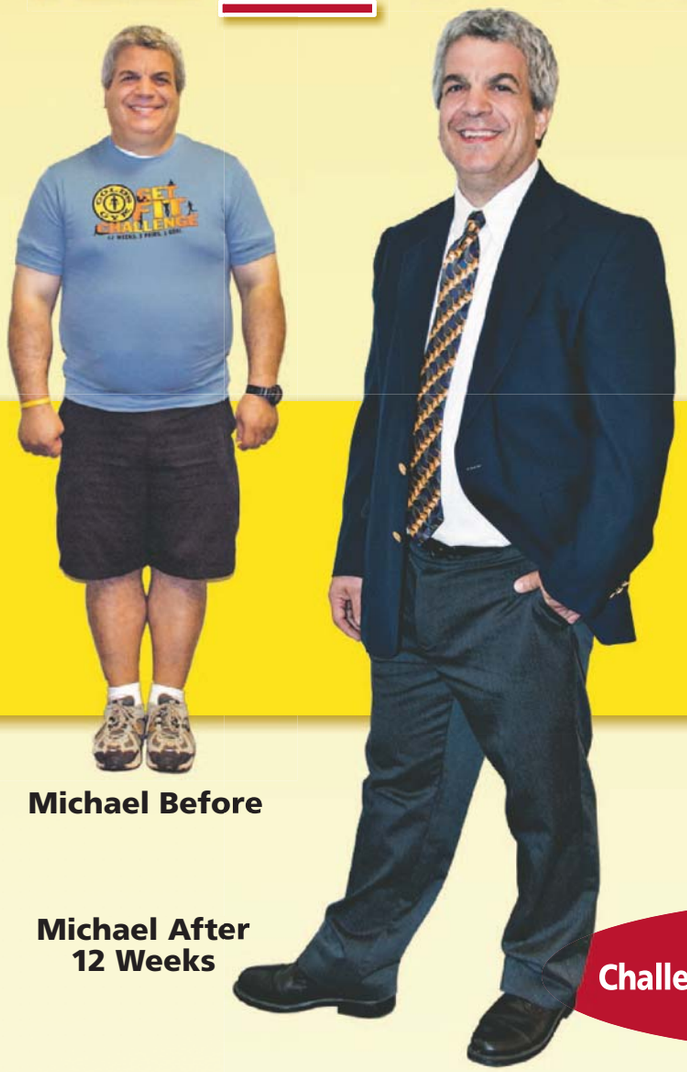

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TV tonight lookout

Best Bets

CBS 8:00

How I Met Your Mother When Barney (Neil Patrick Harris, left) and Quinn (Becki Newton, right) announce they're planning to move in together, the gang tries to break them up. Ted and Robin, meanwhile, battle over who should sublet her apartment.

FAM 8:00

Pretty Little Liars Aria, Hanna, Emily and Spencer finally come face to face with their mysterious tormentor, "A," but not before one last cat-and-mouse game that plays out at Rosewood's Junior League Masquerade Gala.

CBS 8:30

2 Broke Girls Where do broke girls go for spring break? How about someone else's apartment? Hey, it's a nice change for Max (Kat Dennings) and Caroline (Beth Behrs) when they're hired to dog-sit at a wealthy couple's posh digs.

SYFY 10:00

Lost Girl While investigating a woman's suicide, Bo (Anna Silk, left) meets Saskia, a Dark Fae succubus who joins her in trying to solve the mystery. When a business associate calls on Trick to claim an item that has mysteriously disappeared, Kenzi agrees to help Trick find the item. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

DANCING WITH THE STARS

The Same Old Dance

ABC 8:00

While still popular, "Dancing" saw its ratings decline last fall, an indication that viewers have seen this routine one too many times. This season, the NFL category is filled by Green Bay Packers wideout Donald Driver (right, with Peta Murgatroyd). Looking for a youngish Disney star? Roshon Fegan ("Shake it Up!") fills the bill. How about a funny gal with weight issues? Paging Sherri Shepherd. And Urkel (Jaleel White) joins a nerd herd that stretches back to Tucker Carlson, Kenny Mayne and Steve Wozniak. (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Drama

'House' Mother

Diane Baker (above, "The Silence of the Lambs") makes her third appearance on "House" (8 p.m., FOX) as Blythe House, our hero's mom. Tonight, she pays House (Hugh Laurie) a surprise visit, complete with a new beau in tow. While digesting the news, House tries to figure out what's wrong with a sightless man (Michael B. Jordan) who's stricken with a mysterious illness as he prepares to propose to his girlfriend. (TM)

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Paul Burford, Meg Warker

Paul, 28, is a contract specialist at USAID. Meg, 26, is an event designer at a catering firm. They live in Alexandria.

THE MAIN EVENT: April 7 at a mansion in Maryland. Meg's company is catering the reception and will include "a lot of Southern touches, including grits," she says.
HOW THEY MET: In college. "So began my joke of a crush, since I thought there was ZERO chance," Meg says.
FIRST DATE: An Italian restaurant. After returning to Paul's place, "my roommate said that we sounded like Beavis and Butt-Head because we were laughing at everything. He also said the whole house reeked of garlic because of our dinner."
HOW HE PROPOSED: At her grandmother's house while they were visiting for Christmas. He cornered her dad in the garage and asked for permission.
MOST HATED CLOTHING ITEM: His "swishy pants that don't fit right and let me know he's coming from a mile away."
PET NAMES: She calls him "Burf," he calls her "Megston, Meggy Pie, Moog and Maygan."
MAKING IT UNIQUE: One of their cakes has a handmade clay topper of their pets, Earl the dog and Hatteras and Token the cats.

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Rhia Ramlal, Michael Wagner

Rhia, 29, is a management consultant. Michael, 32, is a software architect. They live in Arlington.

THE MAIN EVENT: Their Hindu ceremony will be May 4, followed the next day by a Methodist ceremony and reception. Rhia's godfather will be flying in from Trinidad to officiate the Hindu ceremony.
HOW THEY MET: First, she spied him at work, then she met him at office kickball. Though he had a girlfriend at the time, she thought to herself, 'That is the guy I'm going to marry.'"
FIRST IMPRESSIONS: She fell down on her first kick. When she got up and did a twirl, Mike thought, "That girl has a great sense of humor."
FIRST DATE: Watching a Florida Gators game at Bailey's Pub & Grill in Arlington.

HOW HE PROPOSED: He arranged to leave a bag full of champagne and strawberries at "their spot" on the Mall. He suggested she look inside, but "she was like, 'I'm not looking in that bag — it's not mine.'"
MOST HATED CLOTHING ITEM: She's a Florida Gators fan. During the 2010 season, he bought all the opposing team's shirts.
STUPIDEST FIGHT: Over where to hang a fruit basket.

Shakinta Johnston, Theo Snow

Shakinta, 31, is a project analyst. Theo, 30, is a post-production technician. They live in Alexandria.

THE MAIN EVENT: They will wed April 21 in Triangle, Va.
HOW THEY MET: At church. One day after church, she was feeling ill and passed out. He caught her.
FIRST DATE: Bowling. They made a friendly bet that the loser would buy dinner. "Let's just say I ate pretty good that evening," Theo says.
HOW HE PROPOSED: With a surprise birthday party for her at their church. He sang her a song in front of everyone, then he had her 4-year-old son come in with the ring and a T-shirt that said "Say yes, Mommy."
WHEN SHE KNEW: Shakinta asked God for a sign. A few days later, her son mentioned having "two daddies" and said, "Mr. Theo loves you and he loves me. He's not my daddy, but he acts like it."

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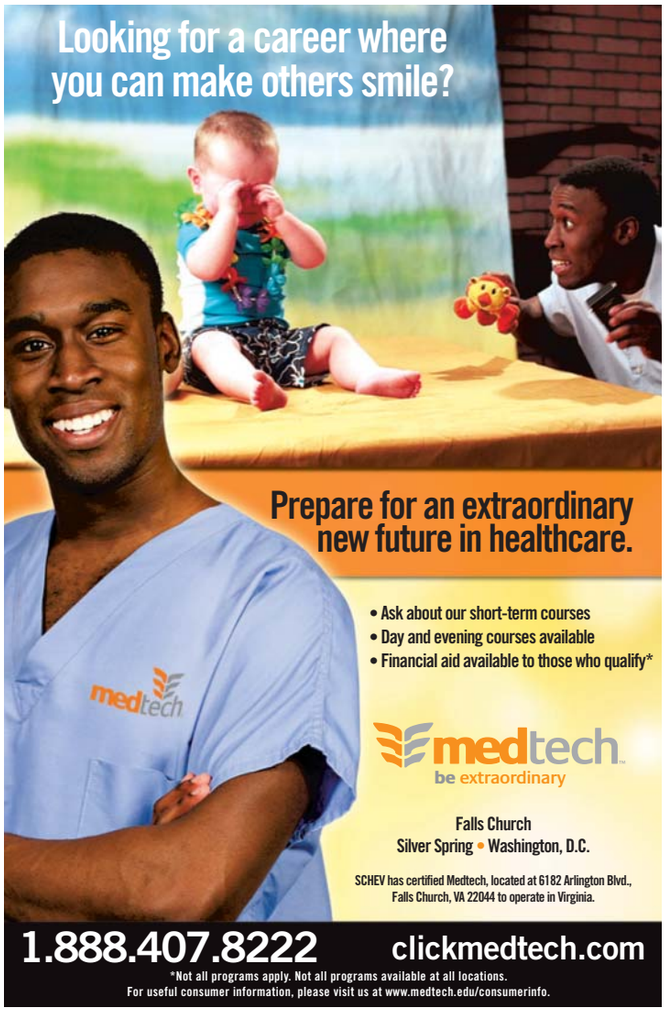

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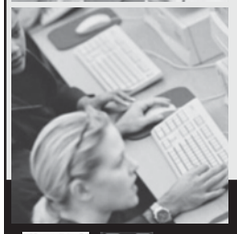

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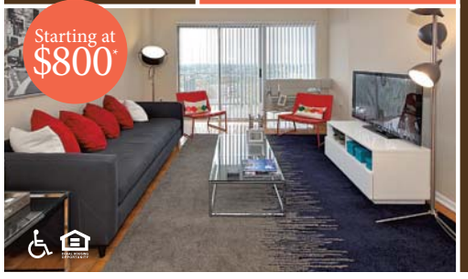

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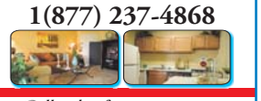

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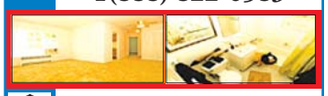

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"She's right: It's nice packaging on something that wouldn't be an inherently fascinating topic to many people otherwise."

— Tom Megginson at **WORKTHATMATTERS.BLOGSPOT.COM** thought adult film star Bree Olson, above, made her point with a video that featured "Ms. Olson writhing in various states of undress, interspersed with pictures of sad African child soldiers and title cards that make the claim [that] her porno posturing to get attention for the cause is the same thing that Invisible Children did."

"So I listened to the @thisamericanlife retraction episode. Ira [Glass] interviewing Mike Daisey is painful. But I also can't think of another show/podcast/magazine/media outlet that would be so public in a retraction. I think they deserve a lot of credit for that."

— **@BELMONTMEDINA** thought NPR's "This American Life" did a good job after learning that Daisey, above, fabricated many of the details about his experiences in China detailed in the episode "Mr. Daisey Goes to the Apple Factory."

"The supporters of both clubs for their reaction at the time and in leaving the stadium peaceably should be commended."

— **ACULTUREDLEFTFOOT.WORDPRESS.COM** was impressed with the crowd at White Hart Lane, after Bolton midfielder Fabrice Muamba collapsed on the field from cardiac arrest during an FA Cup match against Tottenham Saturday. The player was in intensive care Sunday at a hospital in East London.

"Look how great the weather was! It really seems like it was the perfect day for a naked promenade."

— Doug Barry at **JEZEBEL.COM** comments on the footage from TMZ.com of Invisible Children filmmaker Jason Russell, who created the viral "Kony 2012" video and was seen naked in the streets of San Diego last week.

"This just in: people really like "Game of Thrones." Sales for the first season DVD have set a record for HBO, as 350,000 copies were sold in the first week of the March 6 release. That's a higher seven-day tally than any in network history."

— Matt Richenthal at **TVFANATIC.COM** points out that the program is gaining a lot of bandwagon viewers ahead of the April 1 premiere of its second season.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take care that you don't get swept away by a situation of your own making today, which can result in a tangle of hurt feelings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The sooner you get started on the final steps of a current project, the sooner you will be able to begin thinking about what's next.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Others may be worried that you are becoming a bit too enthusiastic about an endeavor that should leave you somewhat ambivalent.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your day begins in a routine fashion, but is soon knocked onto another path by someone else's surprise announcement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may be putting yourself in a dominant position a bit too often these days; this is a good time to experiment with a supporting role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll sense that everything has stopped in anticipation of something that you, too, are waiting for, but which you cannot control.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A domestic situation is complicated by the input of someone who has never been one for easing tensions or sorting out complicated emotions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You'll want to remind yourself today that it's not your fault — though it may be up to you to sort out key issues.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) An authority figure is willing to give you more responsibility, but he or she is waiting for you to acknowledge your own readiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Yes, it's time once again for you to define what it is you want at this time. Do that, and you're that much closer to it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Tackle projects one at a time today and you'll find that there is nothing too daunting to be addressed in a rational manner.

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E1	E1	I1	S1	R1	T1	T1		RACK 3
E1	E1	O1	O1	N1	M3	S1	2nd Letter Double	RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

A1	R1	M3	I1	L1	L1	A1	RACK 1 =	60
H4	E1	A1	V4	E1	N1		RACK 2 =	12
S1	C3	A1	B3	B3	E1	D2	RACK 3 =	92
R1	E1	T1	I1	T1	L1	E1	RACK 4 =	57
PAR SCORE 140-150							TOTAL	221

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		5		8	3		6	
2	8	3	4	1	6		5	
5				7			9	
9	1			3			7	4
	3			2				8
	6		3	4	7	1	2	5
	2		5	6		7		
4	5			9				3

Yesterday's Solution

9	1	5	8	3	6	2	7	4
3	8	6	7	2	4	5	1	9
4	7	2	5	1	9	3	6	8
7	4	8	2	9	1	6	5	3
6	2	9	4	5	3	7	8	1
1	5	3	6	8	7	9	4	2
5	9	1	3	6	8	4	2	7
8	6	4	9	7	2	1	3	5
2	3	7	1	4	5	8	9	6

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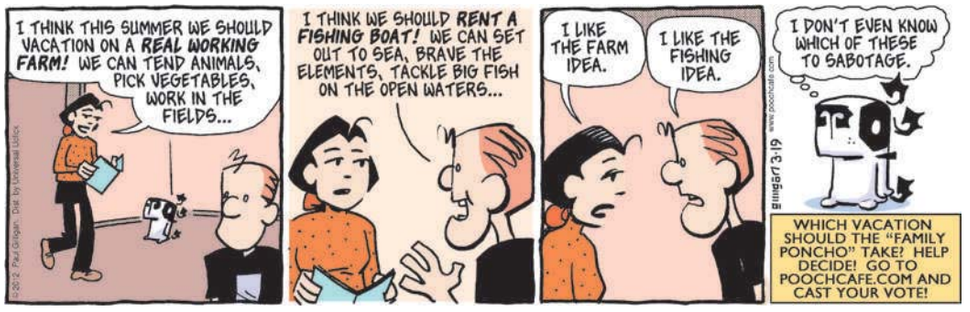

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS

Forecast

72 | 57

Today: A thunderstorm in spots today. Foggy tonight with a shower or two.

76 | 56

Tomorrow: A shower tomorrow with a thunderstorm in spots tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

WED	THU	FRI
76 | 56	78 | 56	78 | 55

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:13 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:19 p.m.
Moonrise today: 5:23 a.m.
Moonset today: 4:48 p.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 57
Record high: 81
Normal low: 38
Record low: 13

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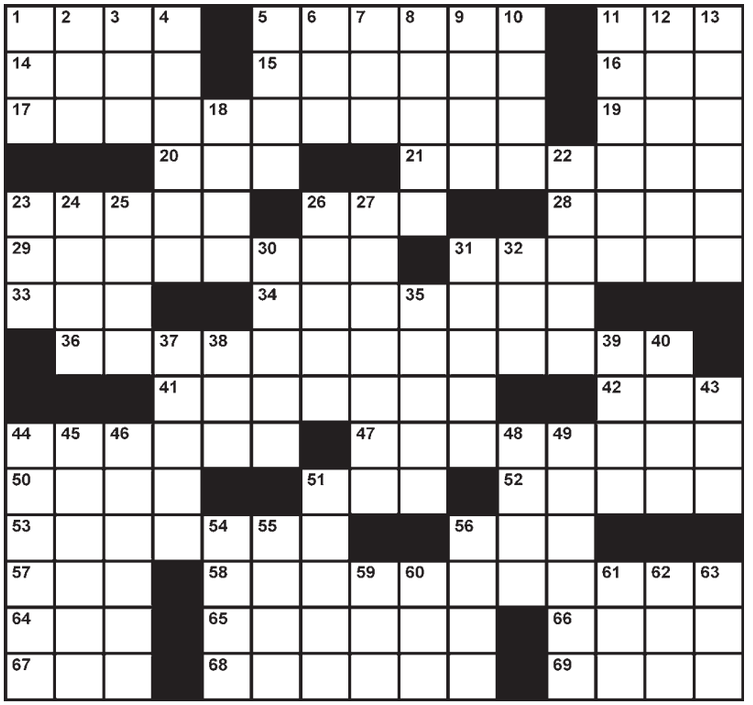

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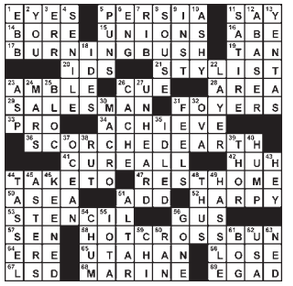
ACROSS

1 Cradle alternative
5 Geisha's mat
11 Advanced degree
14 "Hang ___ your hats"
15 Inception
16 "Commando" star ___ Dawn Chong
17 Fall into a dead faint
19 Work unit, in physics
20 Fruitcake
21 Farm stirrer
23 Certain tourney rounds
26 Toothpullers' grp.
28 Togo's capital
29 Alee's opposite
31 Start of Richard III's plea
33 Half a score
34 Future predictors of the past
36 Exercise strict control
41 Brisk movement
42 Dead heat
44 In a sinister fashion
47 Lethargic
50 Sword with a blunt end
51 "But of course!"
52 Change the boundaries of
53 Chrysler with "Corinthian leather"
56 Barbie's male friend
57 Word before "in a galaxy far, far away"
58 Be regretful
64 Costa ___ Sol
65 What a hider shouldn't say to a seeker
66 "Be it ___ so humble 3"
67 Skinny fish
68 Mansion with grounds
69 Kind of starch or pudding

DOWN

1 Officer of the peace
2 It contains genetic info
3 Oft-mispunctuated pronoun
4 Balkan War participant
5 Praise lavishly
6 Collector's collection, perhaps
7 Muscular contraction
8 Socrates shopped here
9 Venus de ___
10 "European" opening
11 Ancient Roman magistrate
12 Sultans' wives
13 Bachelor's or Master's
18 Banish from office
22 Walk through muck
23 Was benched
24 Flared-spout pitcher
25 Listing of dishes
26 Hawk's nest
27 Trail on the ground
30 How some wills are disputed
31 Certain singing voices
32 "___ So Fine" (Chiffons oldie)
35 Comical Tucker
37 Without a stitch on
38 "___ in the Family"
39 Agenda addition
40 Leaning Tower city
43 Clairvoyance initials
44 It lasts for years
45 High point
46 Try to improve a Yahtzee turn
48 Yuletide buy
49 Parts of eyeglasses
51 Luxury craft
54 "___ From Muskogee"
55 Storage containers
56 Joint used to jump
59 Type of parrot
60 Dinner crumb
61 A Mendes of Hollywood
62 Yours may be asleep while you're awake
63 Not to

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1918 Congress approves Daylight-Saving Time.

1987 Televangelist Jim Bakker resigns as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal involving Jessica Hahn, a former church secretary.

2003 President George W. Bush orders the start of war against Iraq.

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TOUGH COOKIES

Giuliana Back to Her Old Self Again

Giuliana Rancic talked to Glamour magazine about her double mastectomy. "While I was recovering, I was thinking, 'I'm really going to be asking people what they're wearing?'" she said. She did return to work, though, telling her E! colleagues "I'm the exact same person I was before. I'm still shallow, I still love clothes, I still want to talk fashion, I still want to gossip, so lay it on me!" (EXPRESS)

ACCUSATIONS

This Is What Happens When Celebrities Ask for Favors

Drake has responded to a lawsuit alleging that he promised Ericka Lee — the woman on the voicemail in "Marvin's Room" — a co-writing credit and a share of the song's profits, according to TMZ.com. In his response, filed last week, Drake says Lee "consented to the use of her voice in the song 'Marvin's Room' for no compensation." (EXPRESS)

GETTY IMAGES

This photo was shot using special film that captures guilty thoughts.

Victims

iPhones Break if You Throw Them?

Russell Brand, who was arrested Thursday, has hired a New Orleans lawyer and plans to argue that the paparazzo whose phone he threw through a window provoked him, TMZ.com reported. Brand was charged with a felony because the value of the window and the phone together exceeded $500, according to police. (EXPRESS)

DISAPPROVAL

'Mean Paper Say Me No Write'

Gwyneth Paltrow did not use a ghostwriter, the actress asserted via Twitter after the New York Times called Julia Turshen the ghostwriter of "My Father's Daughter," Paltrow's cookbook. "Love The New York Times dining section but this week's facts need checking. No ghostwriter on my cookbook, I wrote every word myself," Paltrow tweeted. Turshen isn't a stranger — she assisted on the book. (EXPRESS)

WHAT IT IS

OWN to Rename Itself 'Lifetime With Oprah'

Oprah Winfrey's OWN network canceled "The Rosie Show" after five months on the air. The show premiered in October to about 500,000 viewers but lost about half that audience within days of its debut. In a statement released by OWN, Winfrey thanked O'Donnell. She called O'Donnell "an incredible partner" who worked to put on the best show "every single day." (AP)

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